

## **CLIMATE/AGRICULTURE SCIENTIST**

### **[Food and Environment Program](#)**

Washington, DC Office

The Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) is seeking a climate and agriculture scientist for the [Food and Environment Program's](#) exciting campaigns advocating fundamental changes in government policy, corporate practices, and consumer choices to enable America's farmers to produce healthy food in a safe and sustainable manner.

An independent nonprofit alliance of more than 200,000 concerned citizens and scientists, UCS, for over 40 years, has creatively and successfully combined rigorous scientific analysis and passionate citizen action to gain a cleaner, healthier environment and a safer world.

#### **Responsibilities:**

The successful candidate for this position will work with the [Food and Environment Program](#) staff—scientists/policy analysts, lawyer, lobbyist, and outreach organizer—to transform U.S. agriculture by encouraging and enabling sustainable food systems; exposing and correcting defects in the current industrial food production system, including the impacts on climate; and changing public opinion of industrialized agriculture.

In particular, the new scientist will:

research and write technical and policy reports that advance the program's advocacy goals on climate and agriculture issues;  
provide research and other technical support to advance program goals promoting sustainable food systems;  
research and write technical comments, statements, and testimony on program issues;  
participate in developing campaign goals, strategies, and tactics;  
and represent UCS in scientific, press, and public sectors.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Comprehensive knowledge of the scientific and public policy issues associated with climate and agriculture
- Ph.D. in biogeochemistry or an agricultural or biological science, including expertise in climate gases, modeling, agriculture, soils, and a strong background in chemistry
- Capacity to conduct full life cycle analyses of agricultural systems in terms of their contributions to greenhouse gases

- Understanding the role of science and advocacy in shaping public opinion and policy debates
- Strong analytic and project management skills
- Excellent writing and public speaking skills
- Ability to communicate and work effectively in groups

**Experience:**

- Three or more years of progressively responsible experience in scientific and/or public policy work in climate and agriculture
- Familiarity with public policy process regarding climate and agriculture
- Demonstrated ability to produce reports on science policy issues and write about complex policy and scientific matters for a lay audience
- Evidence of strong analytical skills

**Position Details:**

This position will be based in our Washington, DC office. UCS offers salary commensurate with experience and training, excellent benefits, and a flexible and friendly work environment. UCS is an equal opportunity employer continually seeking to diversify its staff.

**To Apply:**

Send a cover letter (referencing where you learned of the job opening) and résumé via email to [jobs@ucsusa.org](mailto:jobs@ucsusa.org) by April 1. Please include “Climate/Agriculture Scientist” in the subject line. Electronic submissions only.

No phone calls, please.